



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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I would like to place on record how much I appreciated that our AGM was able to take place. This means that the 20/21 Committee has been elected and the first Committee meeting took place 45 minutes after the AGM concluded.

You will be aware that a Development Group has met and 6 ideas for future development were tabled and agreed on by the Committee. I thought you might like to be aware of these:

1. Set up a KIT (Keeping in Touch) Group and use the medium of a telephone network to help our members to keep in touch with each other.
2. Research as to whether the community centre near Sainsbury's (when built) would be a suitable venue for our monthly meetings. The no 2 bus now stops by the side of Sainsbury, a 2 minute walk from the centre.
3. Make plans for a Freshers Fair to be run when it is safe and appropriate to do so, probably in the Spring. This would be an opportunity for our U3A to present to the local community the variety of activities we offer through the interest groups, regular meetings, social activities etc.
4. The Publicity Officer to contact other appropriate community groups to ensure they are fully aware of our U3A and the distinctive nature of what we can offer to members of the community.

5. Create a Welcome Pack to ensure that new members are well informed about what we offer and how to take advantage of what we do.

Each of us can be involved in the final idea:

6. Encourage members to make suggestions and provide feedback either directly to committee members or via the website.

So if you have any suggestions about what we could be doing now, how we can prepare for the post COVID 19 period or anything relating to our groups, including new possibilities, then please feel free to let us know.

Graham - Chairman

French Conversation Group

10.30am on Thursday 8th - How do you make yourself feel better when you are sad?

Thursday 22nd – Which thing would you find the hardest to give up?

Zoom Quiz

Mondays 12th, 19th and 26th – all commencing at 7pm

Open Meetings on the Lawn

The next two General Meetings taking place on the Lawn, Dawlish will be on Monday 12th and Monday 26th October, 2 – 3.30pm. Everyone will be required to sit in groups of six, socially distanced. Bring a chair and blanket.

Our New Committee

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Make friends with Zoom

As Lockdown continues, it becomes increasingly important that we keep in touch with each other. The internet has probably been a great help to most of us, but can we take it further, especially within our U3A? The answer is YES. A number of us already use Zoom. Others are worried about it, but its advantages are enormous and it is likely to play an important part in developing our contacts and activities for the next few months. Please give it a chance.

If you download this page: <https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C2344042>

you will find a one hour introduction to using it, from a reputable source. It will cost £4 and takes place in early November.

If you want more information, call or email me, (Richard,) on 01626 864229 or 87warburton@gmail.com.

Notice of Scam

We would like to make you aware that we have received reports of the following scam taking place recently.

Residents have received automated phone calls stating it is from HMRC about non payment/prosecution or similar, an instruction is then given to press a number - please do not follow instructions – this is a scam.

If you have any concerns please phone 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk If you have fallen victim to a scam, please report this to Action Fraud: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Please pass this information on.

Thank you.

Message Sent By

Linzi Berryman (Police, DC Alert Officer, Devon & Cornwall)

Some Funnies

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

This girl today said she recognised me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

Answers to Last Week's quiz - WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER OF 2020 SO FAR?

1. Which American singer/songwriter with hits such as Lucille, The Gambler and Islands in the Stream died in March? - **KENNY ROGERS**
2. Who did Rishi Sunak replace as Chancellor of the Exchequer earlier this year? - **SAJID JAVID**
3. Which tennis player topped the 2020 Forbes magazine list of highest-paid athletes? - **ROGER FEDERER**
4. In which US city did George Floyd die after being subdued by police officers? - **MINNEAPOLIS**
5. What date did the UK go into lockdown? - **23rd MARCH**
6. Which Iranian General was killed in a US drone strike in January? - **QASSAM SOLEIMANI**
7. On which social media platform did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announce they were stepping down as senior royals? - **INSTAGRAM**
8. Which town was Dominic Cummings driving to test his eyesight after being infected with coronavirus? - **BARNARD CASTLE**
9. An airline crashed in Iran this year - where was it flying from? - **UKRAINE**
10. Donald Trump became the third US President to be impeached in February - Who are the two others? - **ANDREW JOHNSON and BILL CLINTON**
11. Which film won Best Picture at the Oscars? - **PARASITE**
12. Which private company became the first to launch a rocket into space? - **SPACE X**
13. How many years in prison has sex offender Harvey Weinstein been sentenced to? - **23**
14. EastEnders celebrated which birthday back in February? - **35**
15. On February 2, a terrorist related attack took place in which area of South London? - **STREATHAM**
16. Boris Johnson and Carrie Symonds welcomed a new baby son on April 29, what is his first name? - **WILFRED**

17. Between February 8 and 9, a powerful storm hit the UK. What was it called? - **STORM CLARA**

18. Which new bank note entered circulation in February and features the face of artist JMW Turner? - **£20**

19. Who became the new Director General of the BBC on 1st September? - **TIM DAVIE**

20. In what month was the limit for instore spending raised from £30 to £45? - **APRIL**

This week's Quiz - GUESS THE COUNTRY FROM THE CRYTIC CLUES

1. Could be an aquarium
2. May get pains from this one
3. Contained in diameter
4. Pottery
5. One in last name
6. Sounds like a green item of clothing
7. Peckish
8. Do your shopping here
9. The cub always has this one.
10. Do elephants holiday here
11. The mail may get here
12. Sounds like a line and a heavy object
13. Dance the rumba
14. I escaped
15. Type of tree
16. Understand yes
17. What you do to see in a crowd
18. Is the girl able to
19. Sounds like a bird and continent
20. The vocalist has no money

Answers Next Week

A Fact

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated in a car with the number plate A 111 118. World War One started as a result of this act. Four years later, World War One ended with an Armistice on the 11-11-18

D&D U3A Natural History

From sitting in the sunshine, reading in the garden yesterday, to leaden skies and a temperature 4 deg. lower, Autumn made its presence felt today, 22nd September. Nevertheless I made a solitary visit to Dawlish Warren. My hopes of reaching the lagoon were soon dashed because a notice said that the bird hide was closed owing to covid-19 restrictions and vandalism. Furthermore, it said that access to the lagoon was still only possible by way of groyne 18, along the beach; and access beyond groyne 10 was prohibited for 3 hours either side of High Water to protect winter flocks along the shore. (My visit coincided with High Water.)

You might think this was all pretty discouraging; but actually it was a lovely walk, and social distancing was absolutely no problem. I did reach groyne 10 and there watched a group of small waders actively foraging amongst the stones along the tideline: sanderling, ringed plover and a turnstone. All were probably feeding on sand flies and other small crustacea. In order to see something of the lagoon I did climb illegally up the dune; and viewed in the distance an immense roosting flock of Oystercatchers, and not a few Greater Black Backed Gulls.

Although it would have been late in the season I saw no sign of the Tree Lupins which 60 years ago used to carpet the Warren. Instead I was treated to swathes of Large Flowered Evening Primroses:



Another sign of Autumn was the plentiful showing of Michaelmas Daisies.

I did also see a large charm of goldfinches, which now seem to have taken up residence; also a flock of Greenfinches, several magpies and a Robin.

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